

REMARKS-General

1. The newly drafted independent claims 20, 23, 26, and 29 incorporates all structural limitations of the original claims 1 or 9 and includes further limitations previously brought forth in the original allowable claims 3, 4, 11, and 12, including any intervening claims, respectively. No new matter has been included. All new claims 20-31 are submitted to be of sufficient clarity and detail to enable a person of average skill in the art to make and use the instant invention, so as to be pursuant to 35 USC 112.

Response to Rejection of Claims 1-16 under 35USC112

2. The applicant submits that the newly drafted claims 20 to 31 particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the instant invention, as pursuant to 35USC112.

Regarding to Rejection of Claims 1-2 and 9-10 under 35USC103

3. The rejected claims 1-2 and 9-10 are deleted in this application. Applicants acknowledge that the allowability of claims 3-8 and 11-16.

4. The applicant respectively submits that the newly drafted independent claims 20, 23, 26, and 29 are rewritten from the original allowable claims 3, 4, 11, and 12 to overcome the rejections under 35USC112, second paragraph, and to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims respectively. The newly drafted dependent claims 21-22, 24-25, 27-28, and 30-31 are rewritten from the original allowable claims 5, 7, 6, 8, 13, 15, 14, and 16 respectively.

The Cited but Non-Applied References

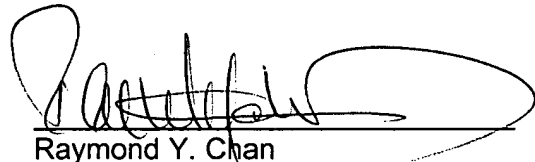
5. The cited but not relied upon references have been studied and are greatly appreciated, but are deemed to be less relevant than the relied upon references.

6. A total of four independent claims are presented. A check in an amount of US\$43.00 is submitted herewith to pay the additional filing fee of the fourth independent claim in excess of three. This amount is believed to be correct; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502111.

7. In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection are requested. Allowance of claims 20-31 at an early date is solicited.

8. Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed in order to place the application in condition for allowance, he is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

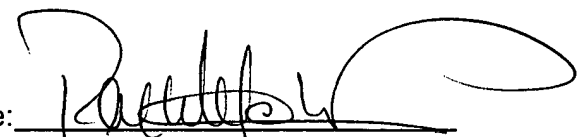


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